



UNIVERSAL SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE CO

2120 L Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Ellen Wolfhagen
Attorney

Voice: (202) 776-0200
Fax: (202) 776-0080

E-mail: ewolfhagen@universalservice.org

July 29, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
12th Street Lobby
TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RECEIVED

JUL 29 1999

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in Request of
BERGEN CATHOLIC (NJ) HIGH SCHOOL
for Review of Decision of Universal Service
Administrator, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached is the Funding Commitment Decision Letter issued by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company to Bergen Catholic High School concerning their application under Subpart F of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules.

In accordance with Commission rules I am submitting two copies of this notice to the Office of the Secretary in each docket. Please acknowledge receipt hereof by affixing a notation on a duplicate copy of this letter furnished herewith for such purposes and remitting same to the bearer.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wolfhagen
Counsel
Schools and Libraries Division

cc: Dorothy Atwood
Bill Bailey
Kyle Dixon
Linda Kinney
Beth Valinoti
Matt Vitale
Sarah Whitesell
Sharon Webber
Bergen Catholic High School

FCC Form 471 Applicants who are approved for discount eligibility are reminded that they continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the SLD may undertake to assure that discounted services are being used in compliance with program rules. If the SLD discovers that discounted services are not being used in compliance with program rules, 471 Applicants will be subject to enforcement activities and other means of recourse by the SLD and other appropriate Federal, state, and local authorities.

Explanation of Information Provided in SLD Funding Notification

On the following pages we provide you with a synopsis of the discount eligibility decision for each item you requested. To help understand this synopsis the following definitions are provided:

- * Funding Request Number (FRN): A number assigned by the SLD that will identify a Funding Request. A Funding Request is a single row of item 15 or 16.
- * Funding Status: An item may be "Funded," "Denied," "Partially Funded," or not approved because of "Funds Exhausted." An item that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determines is appropriate for that item. That will generally be the level requested by the Applicant unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate, for example, a different discount percentage for that item than the FCC Form 471 featured. If an item is "Denied," that denial will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An item will be "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded," in accordance with FCC program rules, if the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund is insufficient to fully fund all approved requests. If the Form 471 was received after all the funds in the Universal Service Fund were allocated and it was processed, the status will indicate "Unfunded - Funds Exhausted."
- * SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned to each service provider by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- * Service Provider Name: The legal name of the service provider.
- * Provider Contract Number: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * Services Ordered: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.
- * Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse the service provider for discounted services. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * Contract Expiration Date: The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.

- * Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: Amount in Column 10 of Item 15/16, Form 471 as determined through the application review process, PLUS an automatic extension of monthly costs for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access through June 30, 1999. Please note that, during the Problem Resolution process at SLD, the amount in Col. 10 of Item 15/16 may have been corrected to conform to the information provided about Service Start Date and Monthly Costs.
- * Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.
- * Funding Commitment Decision: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD is now reserving to reimburse service providers for the cost of the discount for this service. This figure may be different from the Estimated Total Annual Pre-Discount Cost (Col. 10 of Item 15/16) times the Percentage Discount (Col. 11 of Item 15/16) in your application. It may be higher because of the addition of the monthly cost for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access for the six months from January 1, 1999, through June 30, 1999. It may be lower because of an adjustment determined appropriate by the SLD, such as of the discount percentage, or a denial of discounts and, if so, the accompanying comment will explain this difference. The difference may also reflect a reduction from the request level made necessary by overall funding limitations, in which case the "Funding Status" above will indicate "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded." Whatever amount is listed here, it is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts on only eligible, approved services actually rendered.
- * Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: This entry may appear to amplify the comment in the "Funding Commitment Decision," if the discount request for this service is denied for reasons other than "Unfunded" or if the SLD determined that some adjustment to the request level was appropriate.

Using the Enclosed FCC Form 486 and Invoice

FCC Form 486: You will use this form to notify the SLD that you are currently receiving or have already received services for which discounts have been approved. Your completed Form 486 allows us to begin processing invoices from your service providers for your discounts. It also sets in motion the process by which you and your service provider can invoice SLD for approved services you have already paid for.

Each Billed Entity Applicant must file a separate Form 486, although each Billed Entity's Form 486 may include services from multiple Forms 471 if the same Billed Entity Number is listed on the various Funding Commitment Decision letters that you receive. When completing your Form 486, please be certain to use the Billed Entity Number as listed at the beginning of this Funding Commitment letter. (We may have revised or corrected the Billed Entity Number from your original Form 471, so please use the number exactly as it is listed in this letter.)

To assist in completing your Form 486, we have pre-printed your Block 1 information, including the Billed Entity Number. Please review the pre-printed information. If you believe there is an error in the pre-printed information -except for the Billed Entity Number-please cross off and print the correct information above each item. Then make multiple copies of this Billed Entity -specific Form 486 for future use, and follow the instructions with the form to complete and submit it to SLD.

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form: If you have already paid in full for services for which you are now being approved for discounts, you can use the enclosed Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form to seek reimbursement from your service provider. This Form is not for use by service providers, who have their own invoice form. If you plan to submit a Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, please read and follow the instructions carefully regarding the Form as well as the Form 486 to avoid delay in processing your reimbursement.

SLD Funding Notification Synopsis for Application Number: 00079315

Funding Request Number:00077852 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001362 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/20/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$16,148.65
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,229.73 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00077871 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143004632 Service Provider Name: METROCON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Provider Contract Number: NJP1004
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$16,470.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,294.00 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00089361 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143004632 Service Provider Name: METROCON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Provider Contract Number: NJP1004
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 06/26/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,995.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Explanation: Funding cap will not provide
for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see
WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number:00281149 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001362 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: 201-R25819L448
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/20/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 04/20/2003
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$6,300.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,260.00 - FRN approved as submitted